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Jazz great George Benson live on stage tonight at the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival!

This evening is the second night of the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival. Line up this evening evening will be jazz icon George Benson, Jose James, Luci & The Soul Brothers, Gualao ft Eduardo Maya Live Xpressions, Sazon Cubano, Ivan Jansen Project, Groovehunters, Beady Man and Sazon Cubano.

Gates will be open from 6 p.m. on.

Inside the convention center will be the Purple Stage, and adjacent, in the Renaissance Fiesta Garden, will be the popular food court and beverage stands. The lane that



is usually the exit for the Renaissance Marketplace will be converted into a two-way lane

allowing access to the parking lot adjacent to Wilhelmina Park.

A fleet of trams will be traversing the bike paths regularly to transport concert goers from their cars to the Renaissance Festival Plaza.

After parties with the artists jamming until the wee hours will be held at Chaos Cafe, across the street.

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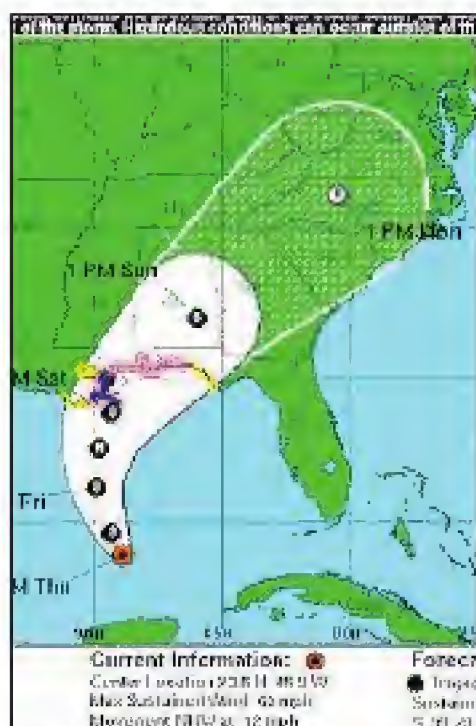
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Tropical Storm Karen targets US Gulf Coast



MIAMI (AFP) - Tropical Storm Karen churned toward the US Gulf Coast Friday, with forecasters warning of weekend flooding and heavy rain-

fall in several states, including Louisiana and Florida.

As the system swirled about 240 miles (385 kilometers) south-southwest of the mouth of the Mississippi River, authorities urged residents to stock up on essentials.

Florida Governor Rick Scott declared a state of emergency in 18 counties to enable the potential deployment of resources as needed.

"Our number one priority is the safety of our citizens," he said in a statement.

A hurricane watch that could be downgraded later Friday was in effect from Grand Isle, Louisiana, to west of Destin, Florida, according to the National Hurricane Center.

A tropical storm watch, meanwhile, was issued for areas including metropolitan New Orleans, battered by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

A tropical storm warning was in effect for a stretch along the Louisiana coast.

Karen's center was expected to be near the coast Saturday night.

Set to become the first named system to strike the United States this year, Karen was packing maximum sustained winds of near 50 mph at 1800 GMT.

"Little change in strength is expected during the next day or so with some strengthening possible Saturday night and Sunday," the Miami-based NHC said.

"The combination of storm surge and the tide will cause normally dry areas near the coast to be flooded by rising waters."

Through Sunday night, Karen was expected to dump up to 10 inches (25 centimeters) of rain in isolated areas, and three to six inches over

parts of the central and eastern Gulf Coast.

On Thursday, President Barack Obama was briefed on disaster preparations and his administration recalled emergency workers who had been told to stay home due to a government shutdown linked to a bitter budget dispute.

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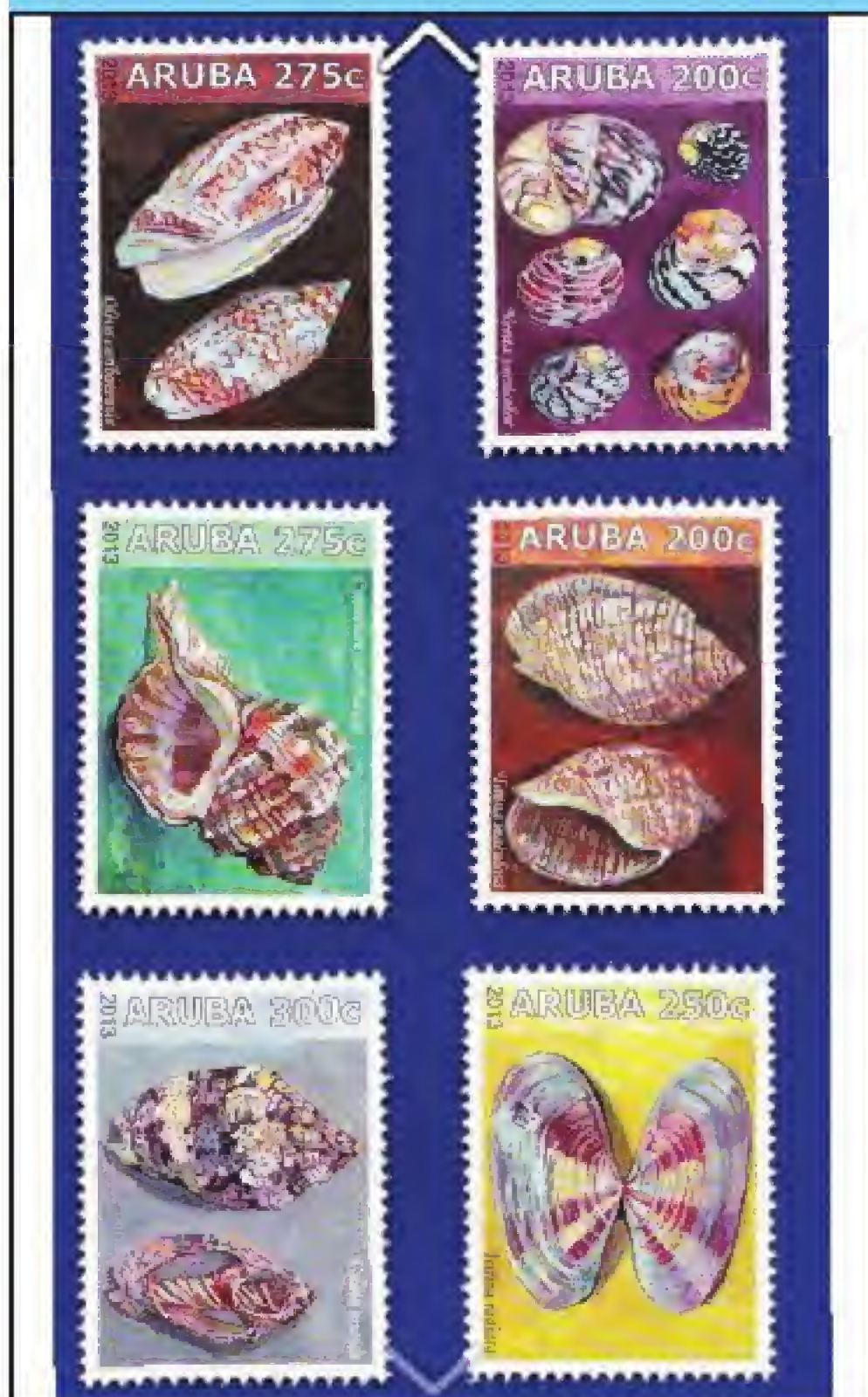




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Catch up on your stamp collecting with Post Aruba



Yesterday, Post Aruba's Philately Department issued a new set of stunning stamps, featuring several types of shells that can be found around the island's shores. Stamp collectors and shell enthusiasts will be thrilled with these colorful collectables. The six beautiful stamps, ranging in purchase value from 2.00 Aruban florins (\$1.15) to 3.00 florins, (\$1.35) are available in mint sheets; there is also a first-day ensemble envelope issue

with all six stamps and a special dedicated cancellation stamp.

The shells featured are Nerita versicolor, a marine gastropod mollusk in the family Neritidae, Tonna maculosa / Tun Shells and / Pacific Partridge Tun Shell, Tellina radiata / Sunrise tellin, in the family Tellinidae, Oliva caribbaensis, Cymatium caribbaeum / Dog head Triton in the family Ranellidae and Voluta musica / music volute in the family



Volutidae. It is called "music volute" because the markings on the shell often resemble a musical manuscript.

In September, the post office issued a collection dedicated to local tropical flowers by island artist Angiolina Henriquez. This features ten stamps, each costing 2.00 Aruban florins. This large set offers two first day issue envelopes with five stamps each, and the coordinated dated cancellation stamp.

Featured flora are: Passiflora / Passion flower / Passion vine, Hibiscus / Cayena, Lantana, Ipomoea / Morning glory, Amaryllis / Belladonna lily, Lilium in the lily family Liliaceae, Allamanda / Golden Trumpet belonging to the dogbane family, Apocynaceae, Canna, which is and Strelitzia / Bird of Paradise.

Commemorative and collective stamps can be purchased at the Philately desk in Post Aruba headquarters in Oranjestad or at their Palm Beach outlet in Palm Beach Plaza. The main post office is open Monday through Friday

from 7:30 to 4:30 PM, closed for lunch from noon until 1:00 PM. The Palm Beach Plaza outlet is open from 8:00 AM until 6:30 Monday through Saturday, but closed 4:00-4:30 for a short break.

If you are looking for a unique souvenir of Aruba that will bring a smile to stamp fanatics at home, these make a perfect, reasonably priced memento. The lovely, color-

ful stamps may even spark and interest in the hobby!

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Police alerts businesses! Increase in cases of Credit Card Fraud



appointment and will be contacted by a police to confirm.

The Aruba Police has a special department specialized in educating business owners how to look out for the red flags to best avoid becoming a victim of this practice. One can also call the Police via their special tip line to provide them with relevant information.



Police Corps launches their Facebook page to get closer to community

As of the 1st of October, the Aruba Police Force has initiated their own Facebook page. The intention is for the Police Force to get closer to the community, to show what they do. This is all in an effort to serve the community better and more professionally. Chief of Police, A. "Dolfi" Richardson was very pleased with the announcement of their social page.

The use of credit cards in a fraudulent manner is a common practice for many years. Recently the Aruba police have noted an increase in the use of false credit cards or the practice of "skimming."

The majority of cases are noted among Venezuelan tourists.

They have also noticed that the trend is consistent throughout the entire year, but is especially high during Venezuelan vacation periods.

Business owners who sell name brand articles and perfumes are among the most vulnerable.

Currently there are one or more Venezuelan groups visiting high end stores purchasing name brand articles with

With today's technology there is a hunger for information from the community. The majority of our governmental organizations are also choosing to go on a social page such as Facebook so that they can reach the community. In addition to supplying information for their own colleagues as well as for the community, the social page will become a platform where the community can supply information, be critical, express concerns and suggestions regarding the work of the Aruba Police Force.

According to Chief of Police, Richardson: "I will be personally involved with this page to ensure that I am aware of the thinking and perception of the community for the functioning of the Police Force. We assure everyone that our police work very hard, and if we can improve on our work, we want to know this. In the final analysis it is for the people we work."

Everyone is invited to "like" their page to also be kept informed about all that is taking place on Aruba.



Police Chief Dolfi Richardson

credit cards from stolen accounts. The Aruban Police is sending out an alert to all businesses to be aware and not become victims of these scammers.

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Key test for Brazil as it readies major oil auction

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - After almost six years of waiting, Brazil's energy giant Petrobras is readying a major auction this month of its deep-water "pre-salt" oil reserves, despite fears of excessive state meddling.

The October 21 Libra oil field auction in Rio de Janeiro -- which experts say could put 12 billion barrels of oil up for grabs -- has been highly anticipated as the start of the sell-off of the total deep-water reserves.

The Libra field is part of a vast discovery of reserves announced in 2007. The area is spread over 149,000 square kilometers (57,530 square miles) in the Atlantic Ocean -- the biggest find in two decades.

According to official estimates, the total reserves -- buried beneath several kilometers of ocean, bedrock and hot salt beds -- could hold more than 100 billion barrels of high-quality recoverable crude and could turn Brazil into one of the world's top exporters.

Last May, the government

oversaw auctions for some 300 non pre-salt blocs, most of them located in hitherto unexplored regions off the country's north and northeast.

That attracted unprecedented interest from around the world and another auction of 240 land-based blocs of gas will be held next month.

But experts say the Libra sale -- the first of the pre-salt reserves -- is the big prize.

Betting big on Libra

The field in the country's southeast, some 230 kilometers (140 miles) off the coast of Rio, could yield a million barrels of crude per day within five years, experts say.

Currently, Brazil produces two million barrels a day. It is looking to boost that output to five million bpd by 2020, thanks in large part to the pre-salt reserves.

Eleven oil firms will take part in the auction, but Petrobras will have sole operating rights and is guaranteed at least a 30 percent concessionary stake under the terms of a 2010 law.

Petrobras' investment plans through 2016 come in

at \$236 billion -- 60 percent of that earmarked for oil and gas exploration as well production.

US players stay away

Despite the massive international interest in the Libra sale, US players will be conspicuously sitting out.

"The absence of US giants is due to excessive state intervention" in the sector, said Adriano Pires of Brazil's Infrastructure Center.

While the Americans are staying on the sidelines, European firms are in on the act, including Anglo-Dutch giant Shell and France's Total. So is China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC).

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A dream come true for a young islander as visiting CSJF artist Marquese Scott declares: "Aruba's got Talent!"



Giovanna with Marquese Scott and Amayra Boekhoudt of ATA

The first night of the 7th edition of the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival took place last night at its new location in the Renaissance Marketplace, and those attending had a rare and unexpected treat, the interpretations of international dubstep dance sensation Marquese Scott, AKA "Nonstop."

Scott has become the buzz

and his distinctive, spontaneous style is a perfect fit for bringing a fresh, new fillip to the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival.

Scott's background is surprising, and a reminder to never judge a person from superficial impressions. Born in California but raised in Indianapolis, he long harbored the ambition to be an architect. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and spent a four year tour on the U.S.S. Constellation. However, he admits to being "engrossed in a love of art and music." He studied dance artists such as street performer Flat Top and Turbo, a.k.a. Boogaloo Shrimp, famous for the movie "Breakin'."

Scott's determination and tenacity, plus a savvy use of Youtube, resulted in a career as dancer, teacher and choreographer that keeps him very busy, and eventually brought him to Aruba and the CSJF. This will be the first time the festival will feature a dancer to interpret and punctuate the concert per-

formances.

Aruban promoters such as Purple Entertainment, which produces the CSJF, whenever they can try to involve visiting artists with the local community. Scott was asked if he would be willing to conduct a workshop with island youth at the Skol Di Arte facility in San Nicolas, and he readily agreed.

Aruba's Department of Culture conducts an annual talent development program and contest for youth called "Gang di Arte" under the supervision of Jhon Freddy Montoya. This year, it featured a performance by islander Tyrone Chirino. Tyrone is a great fan of the dubstep dance style, which employs robotic but fluid movements, where the body flows with the music, sometimes appearing as if in slow-motion. It places some remarkable and athletic demands on the dancer. Unbeknownst to Tyrone, when he agreed to participate in the workshop at the Skol di Arte, his idol and inspiration, Marquese Scott would be giving the class.

Witnesses to this encounter of Marquese and Tyrone, one of master's greatest fans, was described by many as "magical." Tyrone was thrilled beyond words, and showed one of the organizers a comment he had made on one of Scott's Youtube videos over a year ago, "Someday, I am going to dance with Marquese Scott."

"It is my love of dance and seeing the success of someone like Marquese that keeps me going and working towards a goal," explained Tyrone.

It could not have been more thrilling if it had been scripted, a case of life imitating art, and a teenage fantasy come true. Though it was his declared life's ambition to dance with his idol, this young man living on a tiny island in the Caribbean could hardly believe it would actually happen. Scott recognized and was so impressed by Tyrone's talent and dedication to the art, it was his idea, and he suggested they do an impromptu duet.

This can now be seen on Youtube at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYgrtfEpliM>.

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Capture of You Tube video with Marquese and Tyrone

of talk shows and appeared on Ellen Degeneres, but like Justin Bieber, he made his name on Youtube. One of his most popular dance videos has over 45,000,000 views,



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A dream come true for a young islander...

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On Thursday afternoon, island media was invited to meet visiting artists Giovanna and Scott at a press conference in the Renaissance. During the Q & A, Scott was questioned about the experience of giving a workshop with Aruban youth and declared "Aruba's got talent! I was so impressed with what I saw I am seriously considering inviting one of the dancers to join me on stage at the festival." Purple Entertainment vigorously worked to make that happen. At the time of writing, it was not confirmed as yet.

Marquese Scott performs again at the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival tonight, beginning around 9:45 until 10:00, just as jazz great George Benson finishes his show on the main outdoor stage. The promoters are very excited to add this new aspect of entertainment to tonight's full roster, featuring the likes of Luci and the Soul Brokers from Panama and the great Jose James from New York.

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International News

Dutch take legal action against Russia over Greenpeace ship

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The Netherlands said Friday it has started legal action to free 30 crew members of Greenpeace's Arctic Sunrise, charged by Russia with piracy after a protest against Arctic oil drilling.

"The Netherlands, as the state under whose flag the Arctic Sunrise sails, today started an arbitration process on the basis of the UN Convention of the Law of the Sea," Foreign Minister Frans Timmermans said in a letter in parliament.

The action is against what the Netherlands sees "as the unlawful detention of the ship (and) to have it released and its crew freed," Timmermans wrote.

Dutch Foreign Ministry spokesman Friso Wijnen told AFP the Netherlands believed the crew's arrest was "illegal" as Russia should have first asked Dutch authorities' permission to board the ship.

Russian investigators said on Thursday they have charged all Arctic Sunrise crew members with piracy, an offence

that carries a prison sentence of up to 15 years in Russia.

The Netherlands has previously called for the crew to be released, but also said that Russia has the right to try them.

Greenpeace denies the crew members -- who come from 18 different countries including Britain, Russia, New Zealand, Canada and France -- committed any crime.

The September 18 protest saw several activists scale the oil platform in the Barents Sea to denounce Russia's plans to drill in the Arctic.

Russian border guards then lowered themselves onto the Dutch-flagged Arctic Sunrise from a helicopter, locked up the crew and towed the ship to Murmansk located nearly 2,000 kilometres north of Moscow.

Greenpeace said it is planning a number of solidarity demonstrations around the world on Saturday including at the Russian embassy in The Hague. Greenpeace's global operations are headquartered in Amsterdam.

Malala picks up another award as Nobel beckons



LONDON (AFP) - Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani girl shot by the Taliban for campaigning for girls' schooling, added another award to a growing list on Friday. She was given the RAW in WAR Anna Politkovskaya Award, named after the Russian investigative journalist who was shot dead seven years ago next Monday. Malala is also among the favourites for the Nobel Peace Prize, which will be announced on October 11. The 16-year-old was presented with the award in London and said she hoped she could be "as brave as (Politkovskaya) was". The award was presented by the so-called "British Schindler", Nicholas Winton, now 104, who in 1939 saved the lives of more than 600 Jewish children from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia as World War II was about to start. 'A Girl From Paradise' Documentary on Malala's story set to release in Canada.

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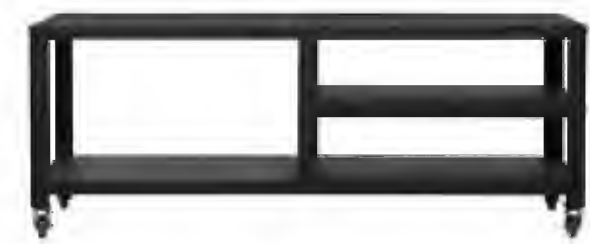
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British mother guilty over 'mummified' son



LONDON (AFP) - A mother of eight children was on Thursday found guilty of killing her four-year-old son whose starved body was found in a mummified state in a cot.

Amanda Hutton, a 43-year-old alcoholic, showed no emotion as she was convicted of manslaughter by a jury at Bradford Crown Court in northern England.

The court heard that her son Hamzah's decomposed and insect-infested body was found in Hutton's bedroom almost two years after he died in December 2009.

Photographs of the house showed a scene of squalor, with clothes and waste piled up in many rooms.

The foreman of the jury made clear that they had convicted her on the basis that she was grossly negligent by failing to provide adequate nour-

ishment for Hamzah.

Hutton will be sentenced on Friday.

The jury heard that Hamzah's body was found in the house, where five other school-aged siblings were living.

Hutton has admitted a charge of child cruelty in respect of each of these children, who were aged between five and 13 in 2011.

Prosecutors said Hamzah

probably died from malnutrition because Hutton neglected him as her drinking worsened.

Hutton told the court that she struggled to get her son to eat and he died suddenly. She claimed she never sought medical advice because she thought Hamzah was going through a phase and would grow out of it.

She said she panicked after his death and only continued to claim child welfare payments for Hamzah because she was worried that, if she stopped, his body would be discovered.

She also said she was concerned the other children would be taken away if Hamzah's death was discovered.

Hutton has also admitted a charge of preventing the burial of a corpse, along with her eldest son, Tariq, 24, who will also be sentenced on Friday.

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'Killer hornets' leave 42 dead in China



BEIJING (AFP) - Swarms of hornets have killed 42 people in northwestern China in recent months, state media said Thursday, as temperatures rise and development drives the stinging insects into cities.

The terrifying attacks started in July, the official Xinhua news agency said Thursday, with 1,640 people having been stung.

Of those, 206 are being

treated in hospital, it quoted the National Health and Family Planning Commission as saying.

It carried a photo of a doctor examining a hospitalised patient with several large and swollen sting wounds on the legs.

It also quoted Huang Rongyao -- a senior official concerned with pest control in the city of Ankang, which has borne the brunt of the attacks -- as attributing the phenomenon to warmer-than-usual temperatures in the region.

Hua Baozhen, a professor of entomology at Northwest Agriculture Forestry University, attributed the attacks mostly to a decrease in the number of the hornets' natural enemies, such as spiders and birds, due to ecological

changes.

The Shaanxi Daily has said the attacks were centred on the cities of Ankang, Hanzhong and Shangluo.

CNWEST, the government-run news portal of Shaanxi province, said the provincial forestry department sent three teams of personnel to raise public awareness of hornets.

It also said that the province allocated six million yuan (\$980,000) for work to prevent attacks and treat victims in the three cities.

Xinhua described the hornets as about the size of an adult thumb.

China News quoted a person working to combat them as saying they are about three to four centimetres (less than two inches) long and thousands can inhabit a single hive.

Health & Living

Flesh-Eating Bacteria Kills 59-Year-Old Florida Man

FLORIDA - Henry Komietzky, 59 died just 28 hours after he contracted a flesh-eating bacterial infection while wading in the Halifax River in Florida on Saturday.

It is just the latest death connected to the *Vibrio vulnificus* bacteria - which normally lives in warm seawater - in the Volusia and Flagler counties. Nine people have died in the area from the bacteria this year.

Mr Komietzky, a married father, had accidentally stepped on some ants before getting into the water and sustained ant bites, which could have created an open wound for the bacteria to get inside.

He then waded into the water, knee-deep, to set crab traps.

The next morning the man from Palm Coast woke to find what looked like an insect bite on his leg.

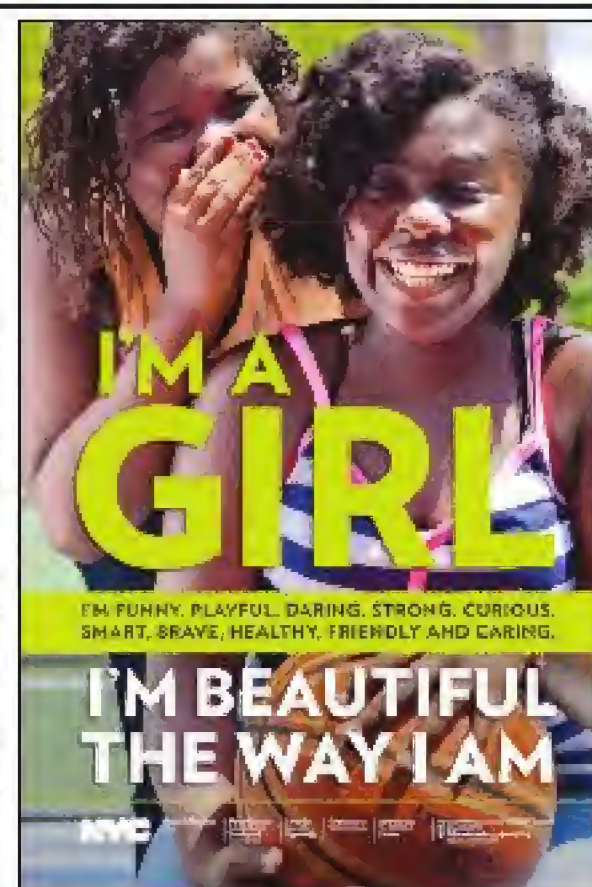
Debbie Stack, the man's sister-in-law, told Click Orlando: 'They did not take [the bite] seriously until it started festering and quickly. Then he started feeling ill.'

The keen fisherman was rushed to hospital on Sunday but he was dead by Monday.

Ms Stack said: 'They tried multiple antibiotics but nothing was touching it. Nothing even phased it.'

Health officials said that there had been 26 cases of the bacteria, including nine deaths, in the state of Florida just this year.

NEW YORK (AFP) - This handout poster received October 3, 2013, courtesy of the New York City Mayor's Office shows a poster for New York City Girls' self-esteem project. NY Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, Deputy Mayor for Health and Services Linda I. Gibbs and Executive Director for the Women's Commission Andrea Shapiro Davis launched the New York City Girls Project, a multi-faceted girls' self-esteem initiative on Thursday.



Recognizing girls as young as six and seven years old are struggling with body image and self-esteem, New York City is the first major city in the nation to tackle the issue by helping girls believe their value comes from their character, skills and attributes -- not their appearance. The project includes an empowering public education campaign geared toward girls ages 7 to 12 appearing on buses, subways and phone kiosks and an accompanying 30 second video.

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Readers of literary fiction can read emotions, too

WASHINGTON (AFP) - People who read literary fiction are better than readers of popular fiction or nonfiction at figuring out the emotions of others, according to a US study out Thursday.

Researchers hypothesized that people who read works of literature would be better at sensing what is going on in the inner worlds of others, but they wanted to test the notion.

So they asked some volunteers to read excerpts of recent award-winning novels or short stories, while others were asked to read either parts of Amazon.com popular fiction bestsellers or nonfiction pieces from Smithsonian Magazine.

The readers were then subjected to a series of five tests meant to gauge how well they could guess what a person was feeling, for instance by looking at a picture of a facial expression or answering questions about how a given character would act under certain circumstances.

The results showed that the best scores were obtained by those who had just read excerpts of literary fiction.

"Just as in real life, the worlds of literary fiction are replete with complicated individuals whose inner lives are rarely easily discerned but warrant exploration," wrote the study authors, PhD candidate David Comer Kidd and his adviser, professor of psychology professor Emanuele Castano of the New School in New York.

The findings could be useful in rehabilitating prisoners, or helping people with autism learn to communicate better with others, the researchers said.



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Diesel fumes baffle bees: study

PARIS (AFP) - Diesel exhaust fumes alter the flowery smells that guide bees when they forage, potentially sending them off course and putting the food-growing industry at risk, a study said Thursday.

Honeybees rely heavily on their sense of smell to locate flowers from which they harvest life-giving nectar -- transferring pollen grains from one bloom to another in the process.

The new research shows that diesel exhaust fumes from cars, tractors or power generators can chemically alter the smell of flowers and render them undetectable to bees.

This, in turn, threatens the insects' crucial role as a key pollinators of human food crops.

"Somewhere in the region of 70 percent of world crops require pollination services, and... about 35 percent of our current food production is reliant on pollination," study co-author Tracey Newman of the University of Southampton told a press conference ahead of the report's release in the journal Nature Scientific Reports.

Pollination services have an estimated economic value of 153 billion euros (\$208 billion) a year.

For the study, Newman and a team created a synthetic odour blend mimicking the complex chemical mix that make up the smell of oilseed rape flowers.

The synthetic blend of eight chemicals was released into a sealed glass vessel with clean air, and another that contained diesel exhaust at levels similar to rush-hour, roadside fumes.

The fumes contained high concentrations of NOx gases: nitric oxide and nitrogen dioxide, as well as carbon monoxide.

Within one minute, the chemicals alpha-farnesene and alpha-terpinene, which comprised 72.5 percent and 0.8 percent of the blend respectively, were "rendered undetectable" in the diesel-polluted air.



NARAH : A floating electric substation stands positioned in the sea off the coast of Naraha town in Fukushima prefecture on October 4, 2013. Japan's floating windmill consortium, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Shimizu Construction, Hitachi and others have set a two mega-watt floating windmill 20km off the coast of Fukushima power plants with two more turbines to be launched in two years.

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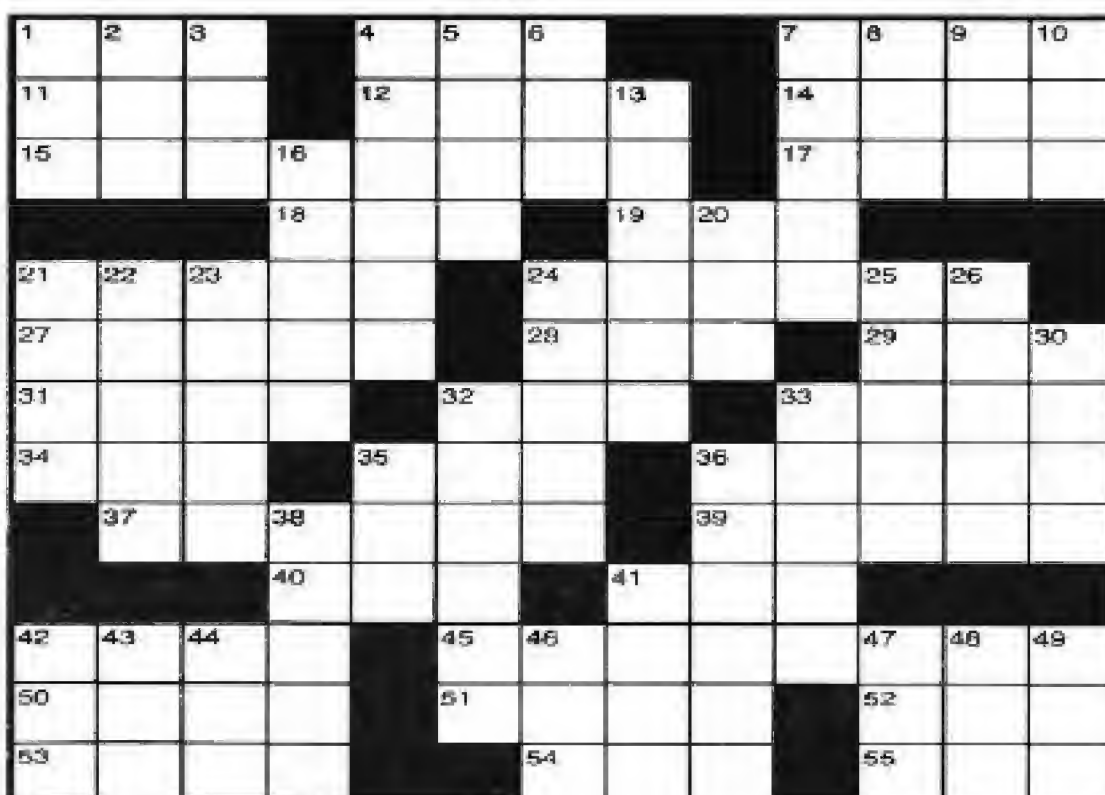
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29. Sleuth, for short
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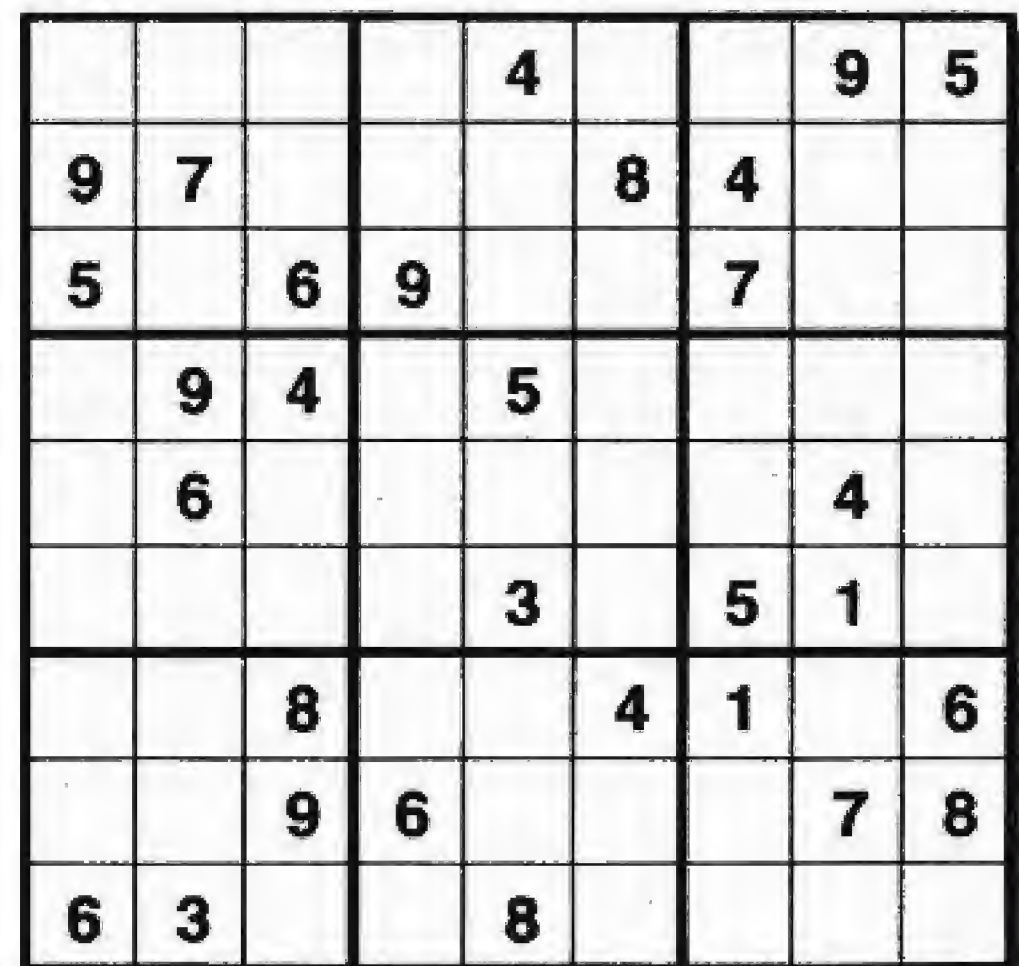
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In IPO, Twitter seeks to be 'anti-Facebook'

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Twitter's \$1 billion stock offering suggests a cautious Wall Street debut by the popular messaging platform, careful to avoid the mistakes made by its larger counterpart Facebook last year, say analysts.

Twitter initial public offering (IPO) unveiled Thursday indicates the shares offered will be a relatively modest percentage of what Wedbush estimates as a valuation of around \$15 billion.

Twitter did not give a date for the IPO but said it would take place as "soon as practicable."

Pachter noted that the "relatively small initial public offering is intended to avoid the issues experienced by Facebook when it offered approximately \$16 billion in stock, far more than the market appeared willing to absorb."

He added that Twitter and early investors appear to be "patient" and will wait before selling shares, to ensure the supply is limited.

"I think this is being handled masterfully," he told AFP.

Lou Kerner, founder of the Social Internet Fund, said investor interest will be high because social media is "red hot" but that Twitter still has some leaning to do to make it more ubiquitous.

"A lot of people go to Twitter and find it difficult to immediately get value from it," he said.

Other analysts meanwhile point out that the numbers provided in Twitter's IPO filing failed to live up to the most optimistic estimates for growth in users and revenues.

Twitter disclosed that it had 218 million monthly active users as of June 30 in a 44 percent increase from the same point a year earlier. It reported that it lost almost \$30 million on some \$317 million in revenue in 2012.

Twitter brought in \$253.6 million in revenue in the first half of this year, but remained in the red with a loss of about \$69 million.

Kerner noted that the number of active users "is still a huge user base, its only because of Facebook's reach that we look at 200 million and aren't as impressed."

Shea Bennett, who edits the All Twitter blog, which monitors the social media site, said the figures in the filing were "pretty underwhelming."

"For me, the biggest disappointment was Twitter's slow rate of active user growth," Bennett wrote.

He said the chart provided by Twitter shows "a jump of just 14 million actives, or 6.8 percent, since March. What does this slow acquisition of sign-ups mean for Twitter's future?"

John Battelle, an Internet entrepreneur who helped launch Wired magazine and founded the online ad exchange Federated Media Publishing said Twitter's revenue growth is "impressive" even if it does not quite measure up in some respects to giants like Google and Facebook ahead of their IPOs.

Battelle said Twitter is profitable on the basis without counting items such as debt and amortization, "which is good, but not spectacular."

Chowdhry said he would value Twitter at no more than \$3 billion, given "brutal competition" and hints that Internet users are turning to more "visual" social networks such as Pinterest, and Facebook's Instagram.

FINANCE

Oil prices rise as storm bears down on Gulf of Mexico

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Oil prices rose Friday on falling production in the Gulf of Mexico as companies evacuated staff ahead of Tropical Storm Karen.

The main US contract, West Texas Intermediate for delivery in November, closed at \$103.84 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, up 53 cents from Thursday's closing level.

Brent North Sea crude for November, the European benchmark, gained 46 cents at \$109.46 a barrel in London trade.

Karen churned toward the US Gulf Coast Friday, with forecasters warning of week-end flooding and heavy rainfall in several states, including Louisiana and Florida.

"The market is definitely getting some support off the tropical storm going into the weekend," said Phil Flynn of The Price Futures Group.

The analyst pointed out that

the storm was forecast to move over sensitive refining and production areas along the Gulf Coast.

British oil giant BP, for example, said it had started evacuating non-essential workers Wednesday and was shutting down production in the deep-water of the Gulf of Mexico.

Meanwhile, traders kept an eye on the partial US government shutdown over a budget deadlock that began Tuesday. Democrats and Republicans remained far apart on agreeing a funding compromise that would allow the government to resume full operations.

A weaker dollar tends to boost demand for dollar-priced oil, pushing up prices.

Elsewhere in the oil market, a US government agency predicted the United States could top Russia and Saudi Arabia as the world's largest single producer of petroleum and natural gas this year.

While the US was roughly

even with Russia as the top producer in 2012 of the two hydrocarbon fuels combined, it still lagged the longtime leader Saudi Arabia as a petroleum producer.

But helped by the boom in hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, production from shale deposits, the US will surpass the Saudis in oil in 2013, making it the world leader in each fuel, the US Energy Information Administration said.

US stocks rebounded with solid gains Friday despite a budget deadlock that kept the government partially shut down for the fourth day in a row.

At the closing bell, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 75.97 points (0.51 percent) at 15,072.45.

The broad-based S&P 500 rose 11.75 (0.70 percent) to 1,690.41, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite added 33.41 (0.89 percent) at 3,807.75.

Lockheed Martin lays off 3,000 workers due to shutdown

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - US defense contractor Lockheed Martin said Friday it would put 3,000 workers on unpaid leave Monday due to the government shutdown.

Lockheed said the number of employees furloughed was expected to increase weekly in the event of a prolonged shutdown.

The furloughs include employees who are unable to work because the government facility where they perform their work is closed, or their work requires a government inspection that cannot be completed, or the company has received a stop-work order, the Bethesda, Maryland-based defense contractor said in a statement.

Lockheed expressed hope that the budget deadlock between Democrats and Republicans that forced a partial shutdown of the federal government Tuesday would be overcome quickly.

Shares in Lockheed were down 0.4 percent in afternoon trade in New York.

Another major Pentagon contractor, United Technologies, announced Wednesday it could be forced to furlough thousands of staff as soon as

next week if the government shutdown persisted.

United Technologies said it expected 2,000 workers at Sikorsky Aircraft, which produces the Black Hawk helicopter, to be placed on furlough on Monday.

If the shutdown continued through next week, Pratt & Whitney and UTC Aerospace Systems would also be affected, with an additional 2,000 workers suspended.

The total could exceed 5,000 employees if the shutdown continues into next month, the company said.

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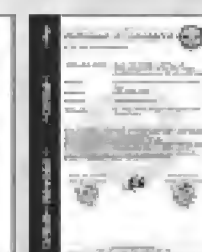
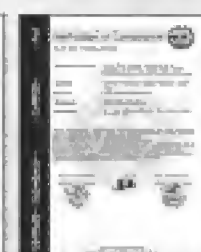
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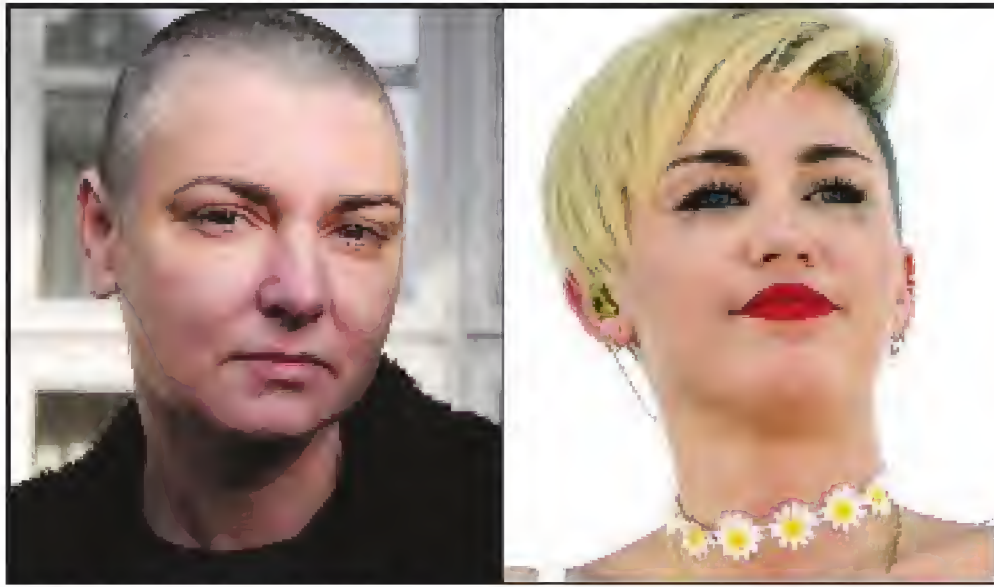


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Miley Cyrus in tit-for-tat exchange with Sinead O'Connor



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Former Disney teen idol turned bad-girl pop star Miley Cyrus hit back Thursday at Sinead O'Connor, rebuffing advice by the Irish singer that she stop prostituting herself for music business bosses.

Cyrus, in the headlines repeatedly since her infamous twerking performance at the MTV Video Music Awards show in August, fired off a couple of tweets to O'Connor evoking mental health problems.

The tit-for-tat episode started with a cover story in interview Cyrus gave in the latest issue of Rolling Stone, in which she revealed that her

latest video for "Wrecking Ball" was inspired by O'Connor's "Nothing Compares 2 U."

In the video, the 20-year-old former "Hannah Montana" star swings on a huge demolition ball -- naked except for chunky boots and a come-hither smile.

In a blog on O'Connor's website, the Irish singer wrote: "I am extremely concerned for you that those around you have led you to believe, or encouraged you in your own belief, that it is in any way 'cool' to be naked and licking sledgehammers in your videos."

"It is in fact the case that you will obscure your talent by

allowing yourself to be pimped, whether its the music business or yourself doing the pimping."

"Nothing but harm will come in the long run, from allowing yourself to be exploited, and it is absolutely NOT in ANY way an empowerment of yourself or any other young women."

In response, Cyrus fired off a couple of tweets Thursday, starting with the Irish greeting, "Top of the mornin to ya."

"Before Amanda Bynes ... there was ..." she said, referring to another troubled former child star, and then posted a screenshot of a series of past O'Connor tweets in which the Irish star referred to her own mental health problems, asking for Twitter followers to recommend a psychiatrist.

Cyrus also tweeted a picture of O'Connor ripping up a photograph of the pope, an infamous on-stage stunt by the singer, who was diagnosed with bipolar disorder.

Cyrus, whose new album is due out in October, provoked a national stir at the MTV Music Video Awards as she performed a raunchy duet with pop singer Robin Thicke.

The "Wrecking Ball" video drew 19.3 million views in its first 24 hours online, setting a record for the Vevo.com website.

Jackson's mum slams 'shakedown' claim over death trial

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Michael Jackson's mother slammed Thursday a claim that her failed lawsuit against tour promoter AEG Live was an attempt at a "shakedown" to make money after her son's death.

Katherine Jackson, 83, also insisted that the five-month trial had revealed the "truth," that AEG Live hired doctor Conrad Murray, even though a jury rejected the lawsuit overall.

Murray, who was jailed in 2011 over Jackson's 2009 death, meanwhile welcomed the verdict, saying he sobbed when he saw jurors rule that he had not been unfit or incompetent to do the job for which he was hired.

"My immediate reaction was one of tears; certainly, I cried," Murray told NBC's Today show. "I cried because for once the world was allowed to hear some of the facts ... much of which I was denied and my attorneys could not present during my criminal trial," he said.

Katherine Jackson, in her first public reaction to the verdict, tried to put a positive spin on the rejection of her lawsuit

after a five-month trial.

"We have said from the beginning that this case was a search for the truth. We found the truth. AEG hired Dr Conrad Murray, the man who is in jail for killing Michael Jackson," she said, according to the TMZ celebrity news website.

AEG Live lead attorney Marvin Putman repeated after Wednesday's verdict his view that the whole lawsuit was an attempted "shakedown," to try to get money out of the promoter by making false allegations.

"AEG has repeated the mantra that this lawsuit was a shakedown," said Katherine Jackson. "Such a statement is a slap in the face of the entire judicial system that allowed this case to go to a jury."

It is not known if the Jacksons will appeal the verdict.

TMZ quoted the Jackson family matriarch's lawyer Perry Sanders as saying: "All options regarding the balance of the jury verdict (the ruling there was no negligence) are being considered."

A Jackson spokeswoman and her lawyer did not immediately respond to requests for further comment.

Norwegian comedy song 'The Fox' enters US top 10 charts



OSLO (AFP) - "The Fox", a cheesy Norwegian music video that started out as a joke has become an Internet sensation, storming into the US top 10 music charts.

The zany song and video by Norwegian comedy brothers Beard and Vegard Ylvis, released on September 3 to promote a comedy show, asks the question: "What does the fox say?"

With over 80 million views on YouTube, some have compared the viral success of the video -- which features people in animal costumes dancing in a forest -- to the global hit "Gangnam Style", which still has a comfortable lead with

nearly 1.8 billion views.

"The Fox" shot to eighth place in the popular music chart compiled by US music magazine Billboard this week, ahead of major artists such as Lady Gaga and Lana Del Rey.

The Ylvis brothers are not letting success go to their heads however, with Beard calling the catchy tune a "rubbish song".

But that has not stopped them from making star appearances on leading US talk shows.

The song has spawned a multitude of remixes -- some attracting fans of their own -- including one made by a brass band in Ohio.

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Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Keshi Yena with plantains, vegetables and pica

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They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming

eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of

chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

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Gymnastics: Biles leads US 1-2 for first world title



ANTWERP (AFP) - US champion Simone Biles powered her way to her first major gymnastics title by claiming the women's all-around world gold on Friday.

The 16-year-old took the crown in her debut year as a senior ahead of compatriot Kyla Ross, 16, with Russia's Aliya Mustafina, the 2010 all-around champion and the most decorated gymnast at the London Olympics, taking bronze.

In the absence of defending champion Jordyn Wieber and Olympic gold medalist Gabby Douglas, Biles and Ross ensured that the US team dominated at the Antwerp Sports Palace.

Biles, who already topped qualifying ahead of Ross, started strongly on the vault and uneven bars, and held off her countrywoman despite a few wobbles on the beam, with a strong performance on the

floor.

Her final score of 60.216 points gave her gold with Ross achieving 59.332.

Mustafina, 19, who had trouble during the qualification round, clinched the final podium place on the floor to score 58.856.

Japan's Kohei Uchimura added an unprecedented fourth gymnastics all-around world title to his Olympic crown on Thursday.

Uchimura, 24, won with 91.990 ahead of compatriot Ryohei Kato (90.032) with Germany's Fabian Hambuechen taking bronze (89.332).

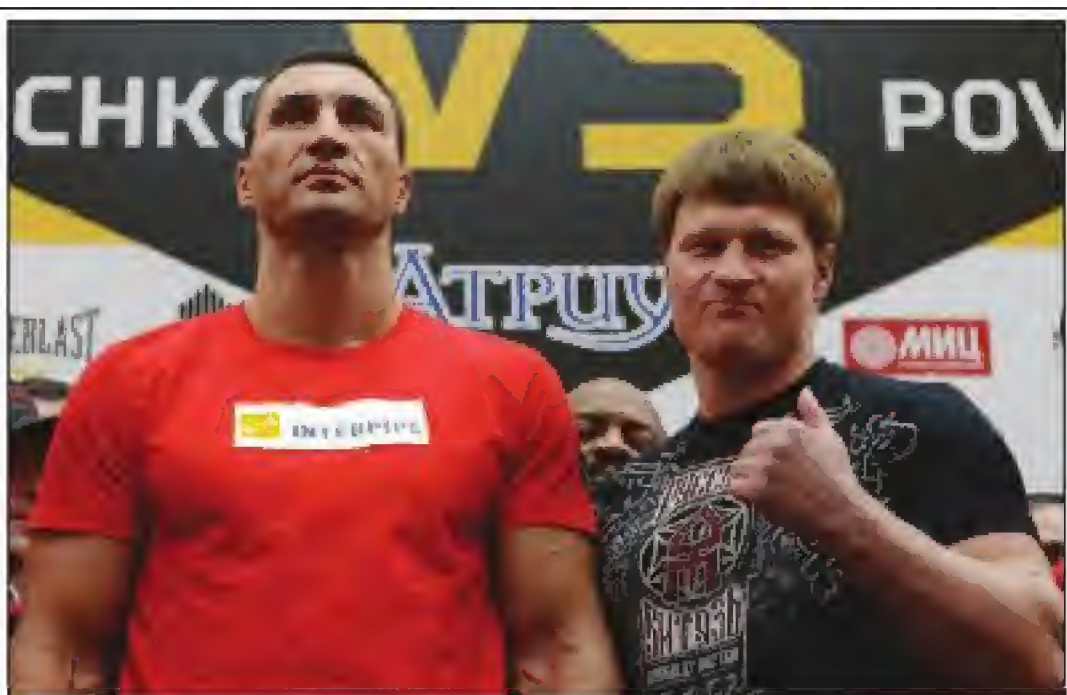
This year's world championships are for all-around and apparatus events only, with no team competition taking place.

The competition wraps up with the apparatus finals today and Sunday.

Wladimir Klitschko defends his WBA, IBF, WBO, IBO heavyweight titles against former Olympic champion Alexander Povetkin.

Wladimir Klitschko is being sponsored by the Ukrainian firm Interpipe, one of the largest producers of pipe products and railway wheels in the world, ahead of the richest contest he has ever been involved in, against Alexander Povetkin, in Moscow,

on Saturday night. There is a resonance about it given Klitschko's wider reputation as one of the most prosaic heavyweight champions in history. In Moscow at the Olimpiski arena on Saturday, to little fanfare anywhere else in the world, Klitschko defends a world heavyweight title for the 12th time in succession against former Olympic super heavyweight champion Alexander Povetkin. Povetkin is unbeaten in eight years himself, and has been a potential candidate as mandatory challenger to the giant Ukrainian for at least a couple of years.



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NFL: Browns rally to beat Bills

CLEVELAND (AFP) - The Cleveland Browns, who are off to their best start in 12 years, improved to 3-2 on the season after a 37-24 win Thursday over the Buffalo Bills.

The Browns won despite losing quarterback Brian Hoyer to a knee injury early in the first quarter of the National Football League contest at FirstEnergy Stadium.

Hoyer was hurt sliding at the end of a run down the sideline. He broke free along the right side of the field and earned a first down but was hit from behind by Bills linebacker Kiko Alonso and his legs bent awkwardly underneath him.

Browns' Travis Benjamin returned a punt 79 yards for a touchdown en route to a team-record 179 punt-return yards, giving Cleveland their third

consecutive victory.

Brandon Weeden, who missed the previous two contests with a sprained thumb, replaced Hoyer at quarterback.

Weeden had a total of 197 yards on 13-of-24 pass completions. Weeden, who was last year's first-round pick, also had a touchdown for Cleveland.

Buffalo, who dropped to 2-3 on the season, lost rookie first-round pick EJ Manuel who left the game with a knee injury.

In games this weekend it is New England at Cincinnati, Detroit at Green Bay, Seattle at Indianapolis, Baltimore at Miami, New Orleans at Chicago, Philadelphia at NY Giants, Kansas City at Tennessee, Jacksonville at St. Louis, Carolina at Arizona, Denver at Dallas, Houston at San Francisco and San Diego at Oakland.

Basketball: Noah bullish on NBA Rio rumble

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Joakim Noah says he's looking forward to the first ever NBA match in Brazil, with his Chicago Bulls slated to face Washington Wizards on October 12.

Noah, 28, and son of former French Open tennis champion Yannick Noah, and Cecilia Rodhe, a former Miss Sweden, said it was high time Brazil got to see NBA in the flesh.

And he is likewise itching to see Rio host the 2016 Olympic Games.

"In Rio I want to go to Ipanema beach -- I like the Girl from Ipanema," joked Bulls center Noah of Antonio Carlos Jobim's iconic song.

"I want to get to know the beach -- the girl too!" O

Globo daily quoted Noah as saying.

The fixture is scheduled for Rio's 18,000-capacity HSBC Arena.

The NBA has previously held pre-season warm-ups abroad, including in Britain, China and Mexico.

Wizards guard Bradley Beal said in a teleconference interview that the match ought to be a great occasion between two well-matched teams.

"It will be very competitive," said Beal.

Also going up against Noah will be Wizards' former Denver Nuggets power forward Nene, a Brazilian international who will be bent on impressing his home crowd.



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Baseball: Baker axed as Reds coach after playoff ouster

CINCINNATI (AFP) - Dusty Baker was fired as manager of the Cincinnati Reds on Friday, three days after the team was eliminated from the Major League Baseball playoffs.

The 64-year-old former star player spent six seasons guiding the Reds, who were beaten 6-2 at Pittsburgh on Tuesday in the National League wild-card playoff game.

Baker had one year remaining on a two-year contract.

"This was a very difficult decision to make," said Reds president of baseball operations and general manager Walt Jocketty. "Dusty played an important role in the recent success of this organization and we thank him for his contributions during his time here."

"We feel a change is neces-

sary, however, if we are to continue to move the organization forward."

Cincinnati reached the playoffs three times in the past four years under Baker, winning National League Central division crowns in 2010 and 2012, but never advanced to the next round.

Baker, a manager since 1993 whose other teams included the Chicago Cubs and San Francisco Giants, ranked second among active managers with 1,671 wins, against 1,504 defeats, and was a three-

time Manager of the Year with the giants in 1993, 1997 and 2000.

But he has never guided a World Series champion, coming closest in 2002 when his Giants lost to the Los Angeles Angels in seven games.

Baker went 509-463 with the Reds, going 91-71 in 2010 to put the Reds in the playoffs for the first time since 1995. Last year, the Reds were one game from advancing before the Giants won the last three games to take the series.

NFL: Browns lose quarterback Hoyer to season-ending knee injury



CLEVELAND (AFP) - Brian Hoyer, the quarterback who has sparked the Cleveland Browns to their best NFL start in 12 years, will miss the remainder of the season with torn right knee ligaments.

Browns coach Rob Chudzinski said Friday that Hoyer will need surgery to repair the knee, injured during a run in the first quarter of Thursday's triumph over Buffalo, which improved Cleveland to 3-2 this season.

Hoyer, who once had been third on the team depth chart, was struck from behind by Bills linebacker Kiko Alonso

and fell awkwardly.

Hoyer had helped spark the Browns to victories over Minnesota and Cincinnati since replacing Brandon Weeden, who entered to help Cleveland win a third game in a row.

In three games, Hoyer completed 57-of-96 passes for 615 yards and five touchdowns with three interceptions.

The Browns lead the AFC Central division but could be matched this weekend by Cincinnati or Baltimore, both 2-2. Baltimore will visit Miami (3-1) while the Bengals entertain unbeaten New England (4-0).

NBA: Nets coach Kidd banned two games for drink driving

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Jason Kidd's regular-season debut as coach of the Brooklyn Nets will come later than expected after the retired NBA star was issued a two-game ban Friday for drink driving.

The NBA gave Kidd the suspension after he pleaded guilty to driving while ability impaired, a violation of New York state law.

Kidd will miss the first two games of the upcoming 2013-14 NBA regular season, including the Nets' opener October 30 at Cleveland and their home opener November 1 against the reigning NBA

champion Miami Heat.

Kidd's first regular-season game as coach of the Nets will now be on November 3 when the Nets play at Orlando. His first coaching opportunity at Brooklyn would be two nights later against Utah.

The drink driving incident took place last July. He was placed on probation and ordered to speak to high school students on the dangers of driving while intoxicated.

Kidd announced his retirement after a 19-year NBA playing career in June and was hired as Brooklyn's coach later that month.

MLB: Cards, Dodgers cruise in playoff openers

SAINT LOUIS (AFP) - The St. Louis Cardinals crushed the Pittsburgh Pirates 9-1 to launch their Major League Baseball playoff campaign with an emphatic win on Thursday.

St. Louis starter Adam Wainwright turned in seven brilliant innings as the Cardinals got their quest for a third-straight trip to the league semi-finals off to an excellent start.

The 32-year-old Wainwright struck out nine and allowed just three hits in the opening game of the first round playoff series.

In the late game Thursday, Clayton Kershaw struck out 12 as the Los Angeles Dodgers cruised past the Atlanta Braves 6-1 to take a 1-0 series lead.

Cardinals starter Lance Lynn will face Pittsburgh rookie pitcher Gerrit Cole in game two on Friday.

National League Central Division champs St. Louis scored seven runs in the bot-

tom of the third inning in which eight straight runners reached base in front of a crowd of 45,693 at Busch Stadium.

Wainwright set the tone in the first game of the best-of-five series by retiring the first 11 batters he faced.

Wainwright's only blemish was when Pedro Alvarez belted a solo home run to lead off the top of the fifth inning.

Carlos Beltran clubbed a three-run home run off Pirates pitcher A.J. Burnett during the third-inning barrage, while 2011 World Series MVP David Freese batted two-for-four with a two-run single.

The Cardinals ended the regular season on a six-game win streak to hold off the upstart Pirates for the division crown and beat out Atlanta for the NL's best record.

Pittsburgh struggled in just their second postseason game since 1992.

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Alex Rodriguez sues MLB over doping probe

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - New York Yankees star Alex Rodriguez filed a lawsuit Friday against Major League Baseball for allegedly buying the testimony of a key witness in the doping case built against him.

The filing, made in New York State Supreme Court, claims that Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig and others in the organization are trying to "improperly marshal evidence that they hope to use to destroy the reputation and career of Alex Rodriguez."

A closed-door arbitration hearing has been conducted this week at the New York offices of Major League Baseball regarding the 211-game suspension imposed against Rodriguez by Selig.

Selig says the superstar tried to impede the investigation into the Biogenesis clinic doping scandal, the biggest black eye to a sport that has endured doping damage for more than a decade.

The Biogenesis scandal has prompted 13 suspensions of at least 50 games, one of the stars banned being 2011 National League Most Valuable Player Ryan Braun.

Rodriguez, the active leader in career home runs with 654, appealed the ban and was able to play out the final weeks of the season as a result. A decision is expected on the suspension before the start of 2014 pre-season workouts.

"A-Rod" did not name the Yankees in the 31-page lawsuit, which seeks damages that would be determined at trial.

Rodriguez's lawsuit claims Selig wants to make an example of him and "to gloss over Selig's past inaction and tacit approval of the use of performance enhancing substances in baseball ... in an attempt to secure his legacy as the 'savior' of America's pastime."

Rodriguez claims Major League Baseball is paying Anthony Bosch, who ran the clinic suspected as the source of the performance-enhancing drugs, \$5 million for his information against Rodriguez and paid \$150,000 for records from the clinic.

He says the league has leaked damaging information about Rodriguez to the media in violation of a confidentiality agreement and that investigators have bribed and intimidated witnesses and at

least once impersonated police officers.

Rodriguez rips Selig in the lawsuit, saying he willingly turned a blind eye to doping in the sport to help it recover from a labor dispute that wiped out the 1994 World Series and reversed course only after pressure from US lawmakers in 2006.

Major League Baseball issued a statement in response to the lawsuit, claiming Rodriguez has violated confidentiality agreements as well as



doping rules.

"This lawsuit is a clear violation of the confidentiality provisions of our drug program and it is nothing more than a desperate attempt to circumvent the Collective Bargaining Agreement," the statement said.

"While we vehemently deny the allegations in the complaint, none of those allegations is relevant to the real issue: whether Mr. Rodriguez violated the Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Pro-

gram by using and possessing numerous forms of prohibited performance-enhancing substances, including testosterone and human growth hormone over the course of multiple years and whether he violated the basic agreement by attempting to cover-up his violations of the program by engaging in a course of conduct intended to obstruct and frustrate the Office of the Commissioner's investigation."

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